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Tighten Belt for Defense, Governor Urges

Airport Plans Approved

Council Gives Go-Ahead Sign For First Unit

Development of \$140,000 Project Awaits Only Official Okeh

CAA Will Call for Bids When Agreement Made for 63 More Acres

An airport development that will open Salem's municipal field to use by commercial transport planes upon completion of an initial \$140,000 unit received the "go ahead" signal at an informal city council session called by Mayor W. W. Chadwick Monday afternoon.

The civil aeronautics authority, the council was advised, will call for bids as soon as the aldermen give the project their official sanction and agree to buy 63 acres of additional land. This 12 members present and the mayor pledged themselves to do at next Monday night's regular meeting. The first unit of the project, eventually to comprise at least four hard-surfaced runways, new lighting and possibly a radio beam station, will consist of a 4000-foot paved runway 150 feet wide, replacement or extension of the present field illumination and marker system, installing drainage and placing interfering telephone and power lines under ground, J. H. Keeffe, CAA airways engineer, Portland, and CAA inspector Morris of Seattle, told the council.

Alternate Landing Spot for Columbia Field

The city officials were told that after this first new runway is completed, the field will be suitable for use by commercial airlines. The Salem airport ultimately may be utilized as an alternate landing spot to Portland's new Columbia field. CAA officials indicated when they first called on the council early in November. Negotiations for the project were carried out with CAA officials by the council airport committee consisting of Lloyd T. Rigdon, chairman, George Belt and Bert T. Ford. The committee obtained authority more than a month ago to dicker for the additional land required to permit construction of runways of a length suitable for large planes.

Willkie Obtains Visa for England

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said today Wendell L. Willkie's passport for his trip to England was delivered yesterday by a state department representative. The newspaper said passports also had been approved by John Cowles, president of the Minneapolis Star-Journal; Langdon K. Thorne, a director of the First National bank of New York, and Russell Davidson, former managing editor of Fortune magazine, who will accompany Willkie abroad.

(In Des Moines, Cowles said he hoped to accompany the 1940 republican presidential candidate. If passage by Pan American clipper could be arranged.) Willkie plans to fly to Lisbon next week in a clipper plane, en route to Great Britain to survey the war situation first-hand. Before his departure, he is expected to go to Washington to confer with Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, national republican chairman.

Portland Truck Firm Exempted In "Hours" Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The labor department's wage and hour division announced today the City Motor Trucking company, Portland, Ore., tentatively had been included in the seasonal exemption from hour provisions of the fair labor standards act previously granted the "northern branch" of the crushed stone industry.

Unless objection is filed within 15 days the company will be permitted to work employees up to 12 hours a day and 56 hours a week for 14 weeks without paying time and one-half for overtime.

Traffic Victim

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Henry James, 77, Gull Lake, S. E., Canada, died in a hospital today of automobile accident injuries suffered Saturday. He was Portland's second traffic fatality of the year.

Oregon Editor Dies Sudden



LARS E. BLADINE

Publisher Dies At McMinnville

Heart Attack Fatal to Prominent Republican and Former Iowan

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Lars E. Bladine, 65, publisher of the McMinnville Telephone-Register and former publisher of several Iowa newspapers, died unexpectedly tonight of a heart attack.

He was a prominent member of the republican party and served as collector of internal revenue for Iowa from 1921 until April, 1932, when he moved to Oregon and took over the Telephone-Register.

He also was a former president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association.

200 Are Rescued From Big Liner

Passengers Taken From Luxury Ship Without Mishap off Florida

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Coast guardsmen, working in a moderately high sea, kicked up by a brisk breeze, removed the last of 200 passengers from the grounded luxury liner Manhattan tonight and brought them safely ashore.

The nearest thing to a mishap ended happily when guardsmen grabbed a woman who lost her balance while being lowered to a small surf boat and nearly fell overboard. No one was injured and there was nothing resembling hysteria among the passengers.

Plans were made to have the tug Willet, tugmaster anchored to take advantage of swells lifting the ship, attempt early tomorrow to pull the Manhattan free.

The 24,000-ton cruiser ship went aground last night, nine miles north of here.

The worst storm of the winter battered Atlantic shipping today, leaving two American freighters in distress and delaying scheduled arrivals of five passenger liners.

While other ships hope to be able to make headway until the storm moved north, the 4896-ton freighter Colledda radioed that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Justice Bean Better

Justice Henry J. Bean was reported "much better" by Deaconess hospital attendants last night. The 87-year-old justice of the Oregon supreme court was hospitalized for treatment of an intestinal ailment 18 days ago.

Unsalaries Deputy Sheriff Episode Ends; Saunders out

By RALPH C. CURTIS
The curious episode of the unsalaried Marion county deputy sheriff was on Monday a closed incident.

H. O. Saunders, recently of Los Angeles, no longer possessed, on Monday, the authority under which he had conducted an investigation of pinball activities and ordered operators to remove some or all of their machines from public places.

No announcement to this effect was made by Sheriff A. C. Burk. What the sheriff did say was this:

"I have never said he was appointed, so I can't say that I have dismissed him."

Willkie Ideas On President Powers Heard

Suggestions Considered by House to Restrict British Aid Bill

Democratic Leaders Say They Are not Opposed to "Time Limit"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Amendments to the British aid bill reflecting, in part at least, the ideas of Wendell L. Willkie, were introduced in the house today after administration leaders had expressed a willingness to accept some restrictions on the powers the measure would give President Roosevelt.

After talking with the defeated republican presidential nominee by telephone, representative Simpson (R of New York) proposed that the bill's grant of authority be limited to two years and that the legislation specifically name the nations which this country is to assist with loans of war equipment.

Simpson, a new member of the house but long prominent in national republican affairs, said he had talked with Willkie before presenting his proposals, but did not wish to commit the titular party leader to them. However, in announcing his general approval of the British aid bill yesterday, Willkie asked that a time limit be included.

British Negotiating for Sale of Securities

Meanwhile Secretary Morgenthau disclosed that the British government, in order to get dollars to finance the war, was negotiating in London for a loan of investment trusts for the sale of an undisclosed amount of British investments in the United States.

While the bill, as introduced by administration leaders would permit the president to lend or otherwise furnish military supplies to any nation whose defense he considers essential to the defense of the United States, Simpson's amendment would authorize help only to England, Ireland and members of the British commonwealth of nations. Before assisting any other nation, he explained, Roosevelt would have to come back to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Stone Is Denied Time Extension

Draft Board at Dallas Rejects Request of War Objector

DALLAS, Jan. 13.—A request filed today by Harry William Stone of Monmouth with the Polk county selective service draft board for an extension of time for the completion of registration—pending the outcome of court action in the New York courts concerning the constitutionality of the law—was rejected. Stone had previously brought suit in the federal district court at Portland and upon having his suit thrown out had been given until January 18 to register.

Conceding Stone's petition for an extension was the request for the type of questionnaire available for conscientious objectors of the selective service draft.

Several weeks ago when Stone reported that he would comply with the law by registering, as a decision by the federal courts of Idaho had declared the law constitutional, he prefaced his compliance by a signed statement indicating his position as a conscientious objector.

Late Sports

DENVER, Jan. 13.—(AP)—James H. Moorehead, 59, former professional baseball player, died here today. Moorehead played with the Butte, Mont., Ogden, Utah, and Boise, Idaho, clubs in the old Union association and formerly managed semi-pro teams in Colorado.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—In front of most of the way, Tommy Martin, 185-pound boxer from London, England, defeated main event decision over Pat Valente, 178, San Francisco, at Coliseum bowl tonight.

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A one-man basketball game, Center Norman Walker, scored 24 points here tonight to lead College of Puget Sound to a 57-45 victory over Whitman in the first CPS defense of its 1940 Northwest conference title.

REGS led all the way and the regulars took to the bench for most of the second half. Walker scored 18 of his points in the first half and played only about half of the final period.

CPS led at the half, 29-16.

SPOKANE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Monty Montgomery, business manager of the Spokane Indians of the Western International baseball league, announced today the acquisition of a pitcher and an infielder.

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Nazi Raiders Stage Fierce Coast Attack

Thousands of Volunteers Fight Flames; Welsh Towns Also Bombed

Thousands of volunteers fought the flames. Two surface raid shelters were struck, as were a church and two hospitals.

Two Welsh towns also were bombed, and a third was machine-gunned by the Germans.

For the first time since Adolf Hitler's sky armadas began the siege of Britain, London military quarters claimed a "slight edge" in the aerial conflict which may spell victory or defeat for a Nazi invasion attempt.

As an example, the British cited four successive daylight raids into the air of the German Luftwaffe—topped by the RAF's machine-gunning attack yesterday on Nazi troops in trenches along the channel coast.

Greeks Assert Italo Lines Are Crumbling

In the Balkan war, Greece's armies plunged ahead from captured Klisura, key mountain stronghold in central Albania, and declared that Italian defense lines were crumbling before the Greek advance on Albania, Italy's last major port in southern Albania.

A Greek column pushing north (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Salem Cherrians Crown New King

Frank Doerfler Succeeds to Throne at Annual Banquet Conclave

Frank Doerfler, local landscape designer, succeeded to the throne of the Salem Cherrians last night as the booster organization's 28th King Bing and third King Frank, at the annual banquet, initiation and installation meeting at the Marion hotel.

Doerfler succeeded Kenneth Perry, whose year of rule was loudly lauded by the "vassals."

Seventeen men braved the Cherrian initiation "cellar." They were Carl Collins, Charles Huggins, Wallace Doerfler, James Burrell, Fred Carstensen, Charles Barclay, W. Dyer Dr. E. W. Fortmiller, W. C. Bell, Frank Roberts, William Martin, Rex Kimmel, W. J. "Pat" Farrell, Kenneth Gollit, Harold Pierce, D. W. "Tex" Burroughs and G. K. Mather.

The 1941 council of nobles will consist of King Bing Doerfler, Sidney McNeil, Lord Governor Wood; Fred D. Thiesen, chancellor of the rolls; Chester Zumwalt, keeper of the orchards; A. C. Burk, king's jester; William C. Dyer, Jr., Duke of Lambert; Orville Lama, Queen Anne's consort; Jack A. W. Chadwick, Archbishop of Rickreall; Henry M. Boesch, Marquis of Maraschino; and Fred S. Finley, Earl of Idaho.

Senate and House Officers Take Posts Without Formal Contests

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

The state legislature arrived yesterday in a heavy fog and by terms of the state constitution is entitled to remain therein for 40 days.

By terms of said constitution, the pay stops and the legislature comes out of the fog with the clearing of the cry "Out of the muck, let's get to work" and accomplishes wonders.

The accompaniment of the Paul H. Hauser, Jr. legislature in these frantic periods smazes most everybody, including the public printer who has to set them down in good ink and on paper of good stock. There is no objection to this as long as Oregon still has trees and Canada sells its pulpwood.

The munificent pay of the legislature is \$3 per day or per diem if you talk the kind of Latin legislators know. The other Latin they will admit to is "pro bono publico" and if you ask them why they work for \$3 a day they will respond from the depths of their togas "Pro Bono Publico and of course I remember you."

The legislature was in session three hours yesterday and \$3 for three hours is a buck an hour, as any Certified Public Accountant can plainly see. This may make some people say, "Well, what are they kicking about," especially the good people of Marion county who said it so vehemently that the legislators are seriously considering moving the capitol back to Oregon City.

In fact, some of these days both houses might get so steamed up with oratory that they could float it back on the lighter-than-air principle.

The price of eggs in England has been reduced to 82 cents a dozen. The blackout has apparently slowed production in the more modern henhouses.

La Trivista.—Governor Sprague read his message to the legislature with one eye on his speech and the other just idling. He bent the nose piece on his spectacles yesterday morning and sent them to an optician. The optician, in attempting to straighten the nose piece, cracked it in two. Since time was a-wastin' the broken lens was patched up with a (Turn to Page 3, Col. 7)

THEY LEAD DELIBERATIONS OF LAWMAKERS



Leaders of Oregon and its legislature, as the 41st biennial session opened at the capitol yesterday. Upper left, Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Portland republican, aged 34, as he welcomed gavel for first time as speaker of the lower house. Upper right, Governor Charles A. Sprague reads his biennial message to the two houses. Below, Senator Dean Walker, Independence, at right, is congratulated on his elevation to the senate presidency by Senator Douglas McKay, Salem, who gave up his own aspirations to the post this year in Walker's favor.—Statesman photos.

Senate and House Officers Take Posts Without Formal Contests

Pre-Session Caucuses Iron out Path for All Offices; Dean H. Walker Named Head of Senate; Farrell, House Speaker

The 41st session of the state legislature followed a smooth path ironed out for it in pre-session caucuses as it organized yesterday and house and senate elected officers without contests.

Dean H. Walker, white-haired Independence hop grower, was the choice of the 25 republican and five democratic senators for president of the senate.

Robert S. Farrell, Jr., 35-year-old Portland attorney, was unanimously elected speaker of the house after defeating William M. McAllister of Medford 37 to 23 in a Sunday night caucus.

State Senator Walter E. Pearson of Portland, who completed his term as state treasurer, and the seven newcomers and the re-elected members of the senate and means committee, President of the Senate Walker announced shortly after his election.

Angus Gibson of Lane county won the coveted chairmanship of the house, Speaker Farrell's committee appointments revealed.

The 60 members of the house, 24 of whom are "freshmen," and the seven newcomers and the re-elected members of the senate were sworn in by Chief Justice Percy Kelly of the state supreme court.

Senator W. H. Strayer, senior member of the senate, and Rep. Frank Longman served as temporary chairman of their respective bodies during organization proceedings.

Senator H. C. Wheeler of Lane (Turn to page 3, col. 1)

New Speed Law Bill Offered For Consideration First Day

Aside from the house bill appropriating the legislature's expenses, the bill introduced on the first day was a measure to adopt fixed highway speed limits of 15 miles an hour in school zones, 20 miles in business districts, 25 miles in residence districts, and 45 miles on open highways.

The measure, which would repeal the basic speed law and shift the burden of proof from the officer to the driver, was introduced by Senators Lee of Multnomah, McKay of Marion and Clark of Douglas.

Under present law, if a motorist is arrested, while exceeding the speed limit, the officer must prove the motorist is operating the car in an unreasonable and imprudent manner.

Under the proposed law, if a motorist is arrested for violating the speed limit, he must prove he was driving safely.

A system of speed zones would be provided, in which bodies controlling those zones may set either higher or lower limits.

The highway commission would have this authority on all highways outside of city limits, and county courts would have jurisdiction over all roads in their counties which are not designated state highways.

For highways through cities, there would be joint jurisdiction between the city authorities and the state speed control board.

Members of this board would be the secretary of state, superintendent of state police and the chairman of the state highway commission.

Speed zones on all other city streets would be regulated solely by the municipal authorities.

No New Taxes To Be Needed, Message Says

Land Board Investment in Office Building Is One Proposal

Forestry, Compensation Reforms Suggested; Trucks Discussed

By STEPHEN C. MERRLER
With all eyes on the international scene and pocketbooks about to open wider to pay for the United States' soaring rearmament program, Oregon's big task is to keep its house in order, its industrial wheels turning and its state government functioning efficiently and economically.

Governor Charles A. Sprague told the 41st state legislative assembly here yesterday afternoon.

The state should therefore adopt no new forms of taxation and should not spend on appropriations and thereby upset its closely balanced 1941-42 budget, the governor advised in his biennial message.

But without disturbing the budget and with profit to the state land board, the state should build a new office building within the capitol group to provide adequate, centrally-located housing for such major self-supporting agencies as the public utilities department and the unemployment compensation commission, which now rent quarters in downtown Salem, the executive proposed.

Funds for Building From Land Board Bonds
Such a building, costing \$1,000,000 and to be erected on block 85, across the capitol plaza from the new state library, could be satisfactorily financed, he said, with funds derived from sale of land board bonds. The board might well profit from present favorable market prices on its securities and could obtain a return of 3 1/2 per cent on its investment in the building, to be paid for out of office rentals over a long period of years, he suggested.

The governor also outlined the board of control's proposed six-year building program, costing \$300,000 a year, to bring the 13 state institutions up to date, and made, among other major recommendations, the following:

1. Increase weight length limits for trucks operating on state highways, and make trucks bear part of the cost of general government.

2. Equalize school taxes within counties, so that richer districts would help to support poorer districts.

3. Create the office of administrator, subordinate to the industrial accident commission, to administer the workmen's compensation law; find a way to increase compensation awards in the fixed categories, and devise a method of appeal from commission awards that "would insure a greater degree of justice to claimants and contributors than the present method of jury trial."

4. Extend the administration's forestry program by enacting laws to provide for stronger fire prevention and suppression methods, by acquiring burned-over and cutover lands for growth of new forests and by enforcing minimum forest standards to permit natural reforestation.

5. Enact no labor legislation at this session, since the power of the state, in the light of recent national enactments and court decisions, "does not appear to go much beyond efforts at mediation and local peacemaking."

6. Let "the much-debated question of 'experience rating' (now a part of the unemployment compensation law) . . . stand . . . the test of experience."

7. Amend the peoples utility district law to permit sale by negotiation of district bonds to the federal government.

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Noting that the president's poll (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Consul General Of East Indies Dares Japanese

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—J. A. Schurman, Netherlands consul general, declared tonight the Dutch East Indies "would be delighted to have Japan try invasion, for I am sure the Japanese would get the licking of their lives by our fleet, air force and land army of over 200,000 soldiers."

He asserted Germany had made preparations to "spring a coup in the Dutch overseas territories just as they did in Holland, but our people were too smart for them."

"I believe that the Dutch East and West Indies are the only countries where the German plans to create disturbances have utterly failed," he said. "We even captured some 20 German ships fully loaded with cargo for which the Germans had already paid."

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Background of Legislature Is Offered on Radio

First of a series of broadcasts designed to present background material on the Oregon legislature is scheduled for tonight at 7 o'clock over radio station KSLM. The series is being arranged by members of the state department of education staff with cooperation of the Oregon Statesman and a number of other persons and organizations.

Tonight's broadcast will be "Legislatures, Past and Present," and will be presented by Ralph C. Curtis, assistant publisher of The Statesman, assisted by Mrs. Curtis.